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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 21, 2005. However, the return receipt postcard was dated January 26, 2005, making an Appeal Brief due on March 26, 2005. However, since March 26, 2005 falls on a Saturday, an Appeal Brief filed on the next business day, i.e. March 28, 2005, is considered timely and this Preliminary Amendment and RCE are being submitted in lieu thereof. The required fee for filing an RCE under 37 C.F.R. \$1.114 is THREE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$395.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this application is presently pending, and this Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying RCE papers are being timely filed.